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Applicant: Hidenori KAWANISHI et al. Conf No.: 9854
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE WITH SPOT-SIZE
CONVERTER AND METHOD FOR BARBICATING THE
SAME

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks

October 12, 2001

Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2001. Applicants submit a petition at the end of this Reply for a two (2) month extension of time from August 17, 2001 to October 17, 2001.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2, beginning on line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Multimedia technologies which have been rapidly developing are likely to enable high-speed, high capacity optical communications (the data transfer rate of which may be 100 Mbps or more) at home as well as at the office in the near future. Among the technologies, the Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) is a promising technology which extends an optical fiber from the trunk line to home. In this technology, the output light of a semiconductor laser is required to be introduced into an optical fiber.

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